

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning page 1, line 4, with the following amended paragraph:

--This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/214,127, filed June 26, 2000. It is related to four other U.S. patent applications, filed on even date, entitled "Data Management Application Programming Interface Session Management for a Parallel File System," US 09/887,550; "Implementing Data Management Application Program Interface Access Rights in a Parallel File System," US 09/887,549; "Data Management Application Programming Interface Handling Mount on Multiple Nodes in a Parallel File System," US 09/887,576; and "Data Management Application Programming Interface for a Parallel File System," US 09/887,520. All of these related applications are assigned to the assignee of the present patent application and are incorporated herein by reference.--